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URBAN PONDS RESTORATION PROGRAM POSTS WATERSHED SIGNS WITHIN THE CITY

On November 19, 2002, Mayor Robert Baines accompanied Art Grindle (Urban Ponds Restoration Coordinator – pictured at right) in posting the first “watershed” sign within the City. Manchester has seven urban waterbodies, and approximately 30 signs will be posted within the City during this spring. The signs will be posted in visible areas surrounding each of the ponds. “This endeavor will serve as a friendly reminder that our actions on land ultimately affect nearby waterbodies...thus causing a “watershed” effect” stated Art Grindle. “We also hope that people will become more familiar with these waterbodies and the surrounding land use.”



Mayor Bob Baines and UPRP Coordinator Art Grindle post the first watershed awareness sign. Photo by Jen Drociak

UNLOCK THE INFORMATION: UPRP WEBSITE UNVEILED!

In an attempt to educate more people in the city of Manchester, members of the Conservation Commission coordinated with the Urban Ponds Restoration Program (UPRP) liaison to develop an informative and interactive website devoted to the City’s seven urban waterbodies. The Urban Ponds Restoration Program webpages includes watershed maps, water quality data, vegetation inventory data, fish tissue results, and sediment sampling data for all ponds. In addition, the site hosts several biological “fact-sheets,” posters, and other publications such as this newsletter. Lastly, the site features a calendar of volunteer opportunities, and outreach/education events. Visit <http://www.ci.manchester.nh.us/UrbanPonds> and unlock the information on your favorite pond!



UPRP AWARDED WATERSHED RESTORATION GRANT

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services recently awarded the UPRP \$73,482 for Crystal Lake Water Quality Improvement Projects, implementing stormwater BMPs designed by CEI at the beach and along Corning Road. This is the second consecutive year the UPRP has been awarded a Section 319 grant. The UPRP was awarded a similar grant in 2002 for tributary work at Dorrs Pond.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, GRAB YOUR HIPBOOTS: THE UPRP SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR SPRING CLEANUPS!

It's that time of year again! The UPRP once again seeks volunteers for the annual spring "clean-ups." The following Saturdays and locations have been designated:

- ❖ **APRIL 12 – NUTTS POND** (Rain date 4/19)
(Meet in Precourt Park near kiosk)
- ❖ **MAY 3 – DORR'S POND** (Rain date 5/17)
(Meet in parking lot)
- ❖ **MAY 17 – MAXWELL POND** (Rain date 5/24)
(Meet in parking lot)
- ❖ **MAY 31 – MCQUESTEN POND** (Rain date 6/14)
(Meet in parking lot behind Mallard Plaza)
- ❖ **JUNE 7 – STEVENS POND** (Rain date 6/14)
(Meet at boat ramp)



Each cleanup will be held from 9-12:00 but volunteers are not obligated to stay the entire time. Rakes, garbage bags, and gloves will be provided. Just bring yourself, a friend, and your community spirit of volunteerism! We look forward to meeting you, and greatly appreciate your assistance!

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A NOTICE TO ALL JUNIOR HIGH, HIGH SCHOOL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE TEACHERS:

The UPRP is available to present the program, its goals, water quality sampling, and outreach/education endeavors. Invite us to your classroom and hear and interactive presentation! We also available to lead field trips to area ponds! Contact Jen Drociak at (603) 647-1826 or e-mail urbanponds@yahoo.com

OTHER EVENTS

- ❖ **Saturday April 12 – “Adopt A Block”** Manchester
- ❖ **Thursday April 24 – Environmental Forum** (5-9pm at PSNH Headquarters, Manchester)
- ❖ **Saturday April 26 – “Discover Wild NH Day”** (10-3pm at NH Fish & Game Dept, Concord NH)
- ❖ **Saturday May 3 – “Amoskeag Fishways Carnival”** (10-4pm) Visit the UPRP Display & Activities!